TURTLES
Act 424 of 1988

AN ACT to regulate the sale of turtles in this state; to provide for certain duties of the department of agriculture; and to provide for penalties.

History: 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

287.311 "Turtle" defined.

Sec. 1. As used in this act, "turtle" includes all animals commonly known as turtles, tortoises, terrapins, and all other animals of the order testudinata, class reptilia.

History: 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

287.312 Sale or distribution of turtle eggs or live turtles; health advisory sheet required.

Sec. 2. A person shall not sell or distribute in the state viable turtle eggs or live turtles with a carapace length of less than 4 inches unless he or she provides the purchaser with the health advisory sheet described in section 3.

History: 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

287.313 Publication and availability of health advisory sheet.

Sec. 3. The department of agriculture shall publish and make available a health advisory sheet describing the potential health risk to children and adults of contracting salmonellosis from turtles.

History: 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

287.314 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 4. A person who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $1,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for each violation of this act.

History: 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

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